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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SCHMIDT

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. BORDER CROSSING INCIDENT. ROBERT D. GREENBURG OF THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RECENTLY HEADED THE U.S.
DELEGATION TO THE ORGANIZATION PANEL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (INMARSAT) IN
VARNA (DRESHA), JUNE 28 - JULY 4. UPON LEAVING BULGARIA
BY TRAIN AT DRAGOMAN EN ROUTE FROM SOFIA TO BELGRADE, HE
GAVE A BORDER POLICEMAN 63 LEVA AND A SLIP INDICATING
HE HAD EXCHANGED \$100 FOR LEVA AND WAS TOLD BY THE POLICE-
MAN THAT HE WOULD RETURN WITH THE DOLLAR EQUIVALENT. THE
POLICEMAN DID NOT RETURN BEFORE THE TRAIN DEPARTED. AT
THE LONDON MEETING OF INMARSAT'S FULL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE,
JULY 19-21, GREENBURG TOLD THE HEAD OF THE BULGARIAN DELE-
GATION, V.P. DIMITROV, A SCIENTIST WITH THE BULGARIAN
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RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON SHIPPING, ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE.
DIMITROV PROMISED HIM THAT HE WOULD REPORT THE INCIDENT
TO THE APPROPRIATE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES. WE WOULD APPREC-
IATE IT IF YOU WOULD BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE APPROPRIATE BULGARIAN OFFICIALS. WE PLAN TO MENTION
IT TO CHARGE HIMMIRSKY HERE. GREENBURG IS UNDER NO ILLU-
SIONS ABOUT GETTING HIS MONEY BACK BUT HOPES THAT A REPORT

OF HIS EXPERIENCE WILL PREVENT IT HAPPENING TO OTHERS.

2. VISA FOR JERRY SIEGAL. THE PASSPORT OFFICE HAS INFORMED US (JULY 28) THAT JERRY'S VISA HAS FINALLY BEEN ISSUED. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

3. WE WANT YOU TO BE AWARE THAT WHEN O-I CABLES ARE SENT IMMEDIATE (IN EITHER DIRECTION) COPIES WIND UP IN THE OP CENTER. THIS DOESN'T MEAN NEVER SEND THEM IMMEDIATE, BUT USE DISCRETION.

4. CONSULTATIONS. YOUR IDEA OF COMING BACK ON CONSULTATIONS DURING THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER SOUNDS GOOD TO US. WE MENTIONED IT TO BILL LUERS, WHO ALSO AGREED. (EX SAYS TRAVEL FUNDS MAY BE TIGHT THEN SINCE IT'S THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.) HOWEVER, AS INDICATED IN O-I STATE 191777 LAST WEEK, WE ARE UNCERTAIN AT BEST ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR A MLADENOV-VANCE MEETING AT UNGA. I SUGGEST THAT IN DUE COURSE YOU SUBMIT A MESSAGE THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS, PERHAPS SLUGGED FOR LUERS OR VEST, REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION. IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED ON POSSIBILITIES FOR THE MLADENOV MEETING. VANCE

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